

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Agency 355

Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Recommendation Summary

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
2009-11 Expenditure Authority	19.3	2,753	3,020	5,773
Total Maintenance Level	19.8	2,971	2,590	5,561
Difference	.5	218	(430)	(212)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	2.6%	7.9%	(14.2)%	(3.7)%
Performance Changes				
Natural Resources Consolidation #	(8.9)	(1,389)	(1,650)	(3,039)
Relocate to Natural Resources Building		358		358
Reduce Administration		(298)	(28)	(326)
Suspend Plan 1 Uniform COLA #		(29)	(20)	(49)
State Data Center Rate Increase		45		45
Subtotal	(8.9)	(1,313)	(1,698)	(3,011)
Total Proposed Budget	10.9	1,658	892	2,550
Difference	(8.4)	(1,095)	(2,128)	(3,223)
Percent Change from Current Biennium	(43.5)%	(39.8)%	(70.5)%	(55.8)%
Total Proposed Budget by Activity				
Creation and Management of Cultural Resource Data	3.2	626	191	817
Protecting Archaeological and Historic Resources	4.1	552	404	956
Preserving and Enhancing Historic Places	3.7	480	297	777
Total Proposed Budget	10.9	1,658	892	2,550

PERFORMANCE LEVEL CHANGE DESCRIPTIONS

Natural Resources Consolidation

Pursuant to executive request legislation consolidating natural resource agencies, funding and FTE staff are decreased to reflect transfer of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation to the Department of Natural Resources, effective July 1, 2012. (Motor Vehicle Account-State)

Relocate to Natural Resources Building

The 2011-13 capital budget includes the demolition of the General Administration building and the adjacent 1063 Capitol Way office building and garage. The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation will be relocated to the Natural Resources Building on the capital campus. Funding is provided for one-time moving costs in Fiscal Year 2012 and increased lease costs through the 2011-13 biennium.

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Reduce Administration

The Department will achieve ongoing savings by reducing its travel budget for the human remains program and by reducing its in-house information technology maintenance.

ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS

Creation and Management of Cultural Resource Data

This activity manages a number of databases and official registers of archaeological sites and historic places, including the State Archaeological Database, the Washington state component of the National Register of Historic Places, and the Washington Heritage Register (the state complement to the National Register). These inventories and registers are used by the public; local governments for Growth Management Act (GMA) planning purposes; federal and state agencies and Tribes for compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and federal Environmental Policy Act; and tribes and government agencies at all levels for compliance with the state Environmental Policy Act. The Department of Natural Resources uses the archaeological database to ensure that archaeological sites are not impacted by forest practices.

Protecting Archaeological and Historic Resources

Under state and federal law, this activity reviews proposed federal or state funded construction projects, federal licenses and/or federal permits for potential impacts on archaeological artifacts, human remains, and the historic built environment. In cases where project sponsors must apply for an archaeological permit, or develop a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) governing archaeological mitigation, this activity reviews applications, establishes archaeological methodologies, identifies required conditions that must be met during construction, consults with Tribes, and, as applicable, issues state permits or signs federal agreements. When archaeological artifacts or burial sites have been disturbed, this activity conducts investigations and takes enforcement action. For historic sites: historic bridges, districts, structures, or buildings, this activity proposes the appropriate mitigation or adaptive reuse when a federally funded, licensed, or permitted undertaking would have an adverse effect on the property. The activity results in the signing of a federal MOA for the historic property. This activity also works with Tribes on balancing cultural resource protection with project delivery, as well as facilitating environmental streamlining initiatives for federally funded, licensed, or permitted undertakings as well as state or locally funded projects.

Preserving and Enhancing Historic Places

Under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 and complimentary authority under state law, this activity provides technical and financial assistance to 35 local governments certified by the National Park Service as eligible for federal assistance. This activity also conducts the technical review and approval of applications for federal tax incentives related to rehabilitation of historic properties. In addition, The Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation develops a statewide historic preservation plan every five years and reviews historic preservation plans developed under GMA.